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In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An airbag comprising:
an inflatable cushion made from a first material having an inflator opening to accommodate receipt of an inflator; and
a baffle comprising a second material and a baffle opening, the baffle opening being aligned with at least one-third of the inflator opening and having an area that is approximately double the area of the inflator opening, wherein the baffle opening is present in the baffle before the airbag is filled with inflation gas from the inflator; and
a heat shield having the inflator opening to accommodate receipt of the inflator, the heat shield is made from a material different from that comprising the inflatable cushion.
2. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle opening is aligned with approximately one-half of the inflator opening.
3. (cancelled)
4. (cancelled)
5. (currently amended) An airbag according to claim 14, wherein the heat shield is attached to the baffle.
6. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle opening has an oval shape.
7. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle opening has a circular shape.
8. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle has two baffle openings.

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9. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle comprises an upper section and a lower section, the baffle opening is substantially located in the upper section of the baffle.

10. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 where the baffle and the heat shield are made from a coated woven nylon fabric.

11. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the heat shield is attached to the baffle by using double needle chain stitch, the stitching is approximately 10mm from the edge of the heat shield.

12. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle opening is disposed in the baffle so that a portion of the inflation gas passes through the baffle opening without contacting the baffle.

13. (original) An airbag according to claim 1 wherein the baffle opening is disposed in the baffle so that the baffle has no influence on the deployment trajectory of the airbag.

14. (cancelled)

15. (cancelled)

16. (cancelled)

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19. (cancelled)